The frauds were made possible by the

ase of "fixed scales" discovered by

Special Treasury Agent Richard Parr.

\*\*\*\* PROGRESS OF THE DAY.

\*\*\*\*\* The annual value of Britains agricultural produce in years of prosper-

ity is over \$10,000,000,000. For brewing purposes in the united kingdom last year 62,971,755 pounds of of hops were used.

In the course of a year over 7,000 people arrested by the London police are identified by their fingerprints. The annual growth of the forests

of the United States is not more than 12 cubic feet per acre. The wheat business of Argentine is growing more rapidly than that of any

other country. The five greatest original forests of the United States covered \$50,000,m acres and contained 52,000,000,000

feet of lumber. Extraordinary traffic on roads in England is only permitted, nominally after those conducting have agreed to pay for the injury caused by it.

The total value of church property reported in 1906, for all denominations was \$1,257,575,867, of which \$935,942,578 was reported for Protestant bodie \$192,638,787 for the Roman Catholichurch, and \$28,994,502 for all the re-

substitute for aluminum in the conlatter. In appearance the metal re- grafting, involving the officials of the they are accused of defrauding the insist that the law makers co-operate | Washington Star. sembles very strongly the alloys known as magnalium. The surface presents a lusteriess whitish gray color, both sheets and bars showing the and scratches so quently found on badly rolled or drawn aluminium. It is composed very largely of magnesium with small quantities of aluminium, iron, zinc and

WHITE ROOMS IN FAVOR.

Plain Backgrounds the Keynote for Artistic Furnishing.

White rooms grow more and more in public favor. In referring to them it must be remembered that the white m is not actually new; it is a revival of a distant period. White prevails in most of the fine old houses in London, and one need but recall some of the gems from the date of the brothers Adam to wonder why the restful, serene, and digriffed white room was ever abandoned in favour o mass of scrolls and indefinite indications of flowers, plants, animals and other horrors. Walls of faint heliotrope, a carpet of deep purple and : couch and chairs covered in Panama linen, constitute a peaceful room that supplies a good background.

More and more do we make ou rooms a background for fine pictures. rare tapestries, pieces of silver, copper brass, or china, and for the women who inhabit them. Innate in every one of us there is a love of colour, and a few educated decorators urge its free use. They argue that a dash of scarlet, glowing rose du Barri, radiant blue, and so on have a good effect on our spirits. Panels of linen are some times introduced, fixed on with bands of metal galon. In such cases curtains of the same material in a contrast would be similarly outlined with metal, which leads to weight them.

Not only in our houses in this keydesigners are depended on line and the same inclination prevails to make a quiet and unobtrusive background serve to throw out some massing of bold color. Taste expresses itself in the fabrics themselves, in the introduction of fine material. Exquisite designing characterises even the braids, tassels and other little odds and ends , such as buttons and fastenings, that serve to enhance the good effect of our garments.

The fact that pictures from the studies of artists do not sell so readily as they used to do is often deplored. It might be suggested that while the few can hope to possess masterpieces, the more widely-diffused tendency to se lect for personal use and for house hold purposes the work of educated and skilled craftsmen opens up a wide field for people of artistic taste.

#### TOAD EVIDENTLY A THINKER

Clever Maneuver by Which Batrach Enemy, the Serpent.

The following snake story was told some years ago by a reputable citizen of Anson county: Driving along a public road one day he saw a toad frog crossing the road at top speed— hitting only the high places and few of them. As the frog disappeared in the bosky underbrush on one side a black snake in hot pursuit made its appearance on the other. The story-teller followed the two into the bushes to see what the result would be. He had proceeded only a short distance when he found the frog at bay, facing the snake and with the latter circling about in the effort to make an attack from the rear. His frogship kept turning all the time, always fac-

ing the enemy.

The reason of this maneuver on the snake's part was that the frog had in its mouth, held crosswise and about the middle, a stick about the size and length of a lead pencil. The frog knew the snake could not swallow him so long as he presented such a front. The man watched the performance for some time and when he left the snake was still circling the frog and the latter facing its enemy on every turn.-Charlotteville Observer.

# Principals In the Sugar Trust Probe



HENNESSEY, JAMES F. BENDERN AGEL.

New York, Dec. 6,-Gigantic robber-|trust as well as the government agents les estimated in the millions, extend- in the customs service

aining bodies.

"Cork metal" has been shown as a laid at the door of the Sugar Trust in dernagel, cashler of the trust's Wilsubstitute for aluminium in the con- the preliminary trial of subordinates liamsburg plant; Oliver Spitzer, dock in the employ of the company which superintendent, and Thomas A. Doyle, 40 per cent lighter than aluminum and is now being heard. The first of a all checkers and weighers in the trust to have numerous other properties series of suits threatens to expose a employ. The five checkers with Spitz- les to the attention of congress in his which should make it a rival of the network of double dealing robbery and er were known as the "Big Six" and message or in a special message and

The government is looking to Bendernagel to turn state's witness and expose the whole fabric of fraud. One of the possible outgrowths of

James Martin, Who is Hearing the Sugar Trust Case.

these preliminary cases is that President Taft will call the alleged robber-

with the government in pushing th ases against the trust. United States Senator Borah of Idaho has been nvestigation. He is said to have the hearty co-operation of the upper house, Recently a prominent business man or New York told the senator that nore than \$30,080,000 had been stolen during the past 15 years. This man says he has been close to the sugar trust for the past 15 years and is willing to appear as a witness. The nmunication received by Senator Borah declares that every cent stolen was with the sanction and approval of the heads of the trust. It is pointed out that the trust was not only guilty of fraud and theft but also for a violation of the Sherman anti-trust laws.

Not Fond of His Cat. "I was reading to-day about the cat exchange they have in Paris." "I wish we had one here. I've got a cat at home that I'd exchange for a bogus check on a busted bank and throw in the car fare to boot."-Cleveland Plain

World's Barley Producers, Russia is the largest producer of barley; Germany is second and the United States a close third.

REASONABLE.

"De reasun," said Uncle Eben, "dat ome men walks de floor because of mo' comi'able dan gittin' out an' message or in a special message and buildin' fences or shovelin' snow,"-

\$1000.00 Powder

A FARMER'S EXPERIENCE.

No wonder Uncle Si feels sore And wonders where he wins He sells his fruit and then pays more To get it back in tins.

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-Washington Star.

Center of Our Business Life and Typifies Democracy.

position in every city in the country.

than the blue coat and rounded believe His schedule is as

that of the train or the street car. and the sparkling eyes of the dimpled beauty and the faded once of the vithered crone follow with equal street. He passes on and leaves smiles, sighs, or perhaps tears behind him.

Our industrial and social life is built so entirely on the work of the letter carrier that his coming is, or may be, in epoch in our lives. He leaves a letter with us and as we rend it all the plans of a lifetime are shattered and our carefully builded castles in Spain fall in a mass of crumpled ruins. He passes on and leaves another missive with a hopeless neighbor and that neighbor's life becomes full of joy and his barren existence blos-

His democracy is unquestioned. He erves the banker and the baker with qual efficiency and if one step can gained he will serve the cook at the oack door before he does the mistress at the front entrance. He is no respecter of persons. be publican, the bondholder and bankrupt, all look alike to him.

constant rebuke to the illiterate, He The letter carrier held the place of may be ranked with the teacher and nonor at civil service examinations the college professor. He is yet more just held throughout the length and than this-he is a preacher. His life breadth of the land. Holding a place preaches sobriety and integrity, while honor is not a new experience his elastic step and ruddy face preach deir debts is because it's warmer an' for him. For years he has held that the gospel of open air and exercise. In every way he is worthy of our cor His gray uniform is more familiar and fidence and respect. We take our hat infinitely more satisfying to the eye off to him.-Springfield Union,

# THE BOSTON STORE

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#### China Department

Some of the most beautiful gifts are to be found in this department. Beautiful pieces of hand-painted China cups and saucers, plates, hair receivers, comb trays, vases, sugar and creamers, etc. These were purchased especially for Christmus trade and are selling at remarkably low prices.

#### Toy Department

Everything to please the little ones, all sorts of chanical toys, Rocking horses, carriages, tea dolls, etc. Toys of all sorts. All marked especially low so as to dispose of them during the holiday sea-

#### Something to Please the Men

Nowhere can you find anything to beat our line of smoking and shaving sets, military brushes, etc., from the inexpensive kind to the most elaborate. There isn't anything you could give a man that he would appreciate 1 1 1 1 2

## Shirts

New Shirts just in time from the makers, bought, es pecially for the holiday trade and they're decidedly right. Each 50c, \$1 and \$1.25, \$1.50 up to \$3.00.

HOLIDAY NECKWEAR—Immense assortments of the season's finest and latest novelties in imported sliks, some of the most delicate weaves, 25c, 50c and 75c. Good 50c styles for 25c each.

SILK SUSPENDERS with fancy buckles. Each pair in a handsome box. Pair 50c, 75c, 98c.

MUFFLERS-Full dress-scarf or square mufflersbeautiful designs; very newest shades, 50c to \$3.00.

#### Furs are Acceptable Xmas Gifts

They are useful, luxurions, elegant and universally becoming and a gift that every woman will appreciate We are showing a splendid collection and most complete stock of fine high grade dependable Furs, Fur Coats, Neck Pieces and Muffs. Every desirable style on dis-

#### Seal Skin, Fur Lined and Cloth Caps

Every man appreciates a nice cap for Christmas. Scalskin caps from \$5.00 to \$15.00. Fur lined caps from 75c to \$2.00. Large line of boys caps from 50c to \$1.25.

#### Give Reliable Gloves for Christmas

The quality which makes a gift of Kid Gloves acceptable is assured in every pair we sell. Long Gloves, glace kid, in all the favorite colors

and black and white, pair, \$3.00. Elbow length Gloves, lisle, cashmere and silk, 75c, \$1, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00.

Short Kid Gloves, genuine Trefousse quality, pair \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00. Men's Kid Gloves, fined or unlined, \$1, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 pair.

Men's fur lined gloves and mittens in kid and mocha \$2.25, \$2.50 and \$3.00. Gloves and Mittens for boys and girls, all styles, pair

#### Violets of Sicily, Edgewood Violet in neat, Christmas boxs. 50c, 75c, \$1.00.

ing to quality, each, \$3.00 to \$1.00.

ends, \$1.75.

Slippers for Xmas Gifts Men's Cavalier Slippers, black, tan and kid, \$1.25 to

Men's Romeo, with elastic sides, black and tan kid

Men's Umbrellas

Jewelry and Perfumery

Triple Neck Chains of garnet, amethyst and opalescent

Ladies' fine back combs 25c to \$3.50. Fine combination

sets for men, cuff bottons and scarr pins, \$1.25 to \$2.50.

Children's Perfumes, assorted odors in the little car-

Dorothy Vernon, Corylopsis Golf Queen, Indian Lilies,

tons, fancy Japanese boxes, sult cases, etc., all nice per

Cut crystal Hat Pins, extra brilliant tops, cut

any facets, ruby, emerald, etc., 50c, and 75c.

\$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75. Ladiés' Felt Juliets, fur trimmed, with leather soles. n black, brown, gray and wine; spring heel, trimmer with ribbon, in color to match, and felt slippers with felt oles, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$1.75.

### Misses' and children's red felt Juliet slippers, fu trimmed, with leather sole and "comfy," 75c to 98c. Sweater Coats

Special purchases have been made for the Christmus elling. Ludies, misses and gent's and children's sweater oats, all shades and styles. A gift that will be appreciated by any member of the family.

#### Xmas Handkerchiefs

Very handsome styles, plain handles and a big va-Our heautiful Christmas Handkerchiefs for ladies, riety of silver and gold trimmed handles, priced accordmen and children are attracting the attention of hundreds of gift purchasers in quest of the prettlest new lesigns or the most serviceable lines.

Dainty embroidered linen Handkerchiefs, all over or mbroidered edge patterns. We specially emphasize on the unequaled value of these, at each 10e to 35c.

Ladles' boxed Handkerchiefs, very attractive packages of the best designs and qualities, per box, 35c to 50c. Men's Handkerchiefs, initialed or plain, all put up in neat presentation boxes, 15c, 25c, 50c.

Men's nobby colored silk pocket Handkerchiefs, 25c, 35c,

#### Umbrellas are Prac= tical Xmas Gifts

We carry a most excellent assortment of style suitable for lady or gentleman. Here is a partial list for

Ladies' Umbrellas, black and the new plain color effects, such as brown, navy, green, etc., very neat, dedrable novelties with plain or fancy handles; each \$3.50. Ladies Black Slik Mixed Umbrelias, a great variety of new handles and the most dependable frames and fabrics, good umbrellas, from \$1.00 to \$3.00 each.

#### Knit Shawls

Large and complete assortment of Ladies' Knit Shawls and Scarfs in wool and silk, many beautiful designs, finished with lace or fringe edge. Prices rang-

ing 75e up to \$3.00. Beautiful silk auto scarfs in all colors, 75c to \$3.00.

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It might be well to remind you that a Suit or Overcoat would be an acceptable gift for Father or that Boy-HART, SCHAFFNER & MARX make of clothing will make the gift more to be appreciated-and will wear a number of years. Suits from \$20 to \$28. Overcoats from \$20 to \$25. Other good makes from \$10 to \$20. Overcoats from \$10 to \$20.